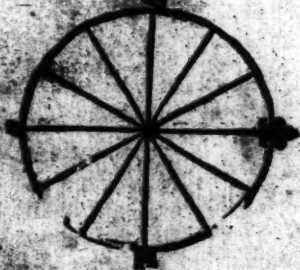


A
LETTER, 16

Sent to the Right Honourable ED-
WARD Earle of MANCHESTER,
Speaker of the House
of PEERS,

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betweene the High and Mighty Prince
CHARLES, Duke of Lorraine, &c.
And the two Honourable Houses
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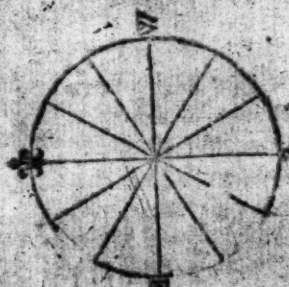
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EDWARD Earle of *Martham*

Speaker *pro tempore* in the house

of *PARLIAM.*

My Lord,

Not standing his Highness's Letters, have now at last bin read in both the Honourable Houses, & that an Order hath issued, to have them sent to the Committee of the Admiralty: there to have the businesse stated, and reported to the Honourable Houses, touching his Highness's Ships, and the taking of them, together with the proceedings as towards mee his Highness's *schollers*. I thought it my van standing in the place I doe to set up these Lights before the Honourable Houses, lest *per se* in *audis* & *al* *ore* their judgments might be still misled in a matter of so great concernment.

For so bin his Highness's my Master expect an *el* *en* *and* *in* *the* *port* to be made from that Committee

me, which already prejudicating his *Highnesse* cause, hath brought silence, not only upon the *Highnesse* himselfe, but also his publike Minister, or any sent by me to agitate his *Highnesse* affaires at that Table, insisting still upon that *Crambe* of my being onely a *pretended Agent*; which imputation cannot appeare to the Honourable Houses, in any other shape then of Calumny, his *Highnesse* having so often iterated by his Letters to both the Honourable Houses, as also to divers particular Members of either House (your Lordship having beene one of them) my being his *Resident*, still honouring me in all those Letters with the stile of his *Resident*, which quality for these dozen yeares he hath fixed upon me; which also hath beene made evident by his severall renewed Commissions, and I will crowne this verity with a testimony unquestionable, His Majesties Royall Letters sent me from *Oxford*, confirming under his Hand and Seale, the priviledges of my place, equall to those he gave to the greatest Embassadors: So that in all sense this ridiculous badge of *Pretended*, might have beene cryed downe long ere this, having no ground at all to subsist upon, but the opinion of such who lieth their owne dreames upon Record.

Now my Lord, for his *Highnesse* setting out men of Warre in a maritime way, against his Enemy the French, who in prudence can take in, he being a Sovereigne Prince, and in confederacy with the Catholike King, who gives him the freedom of all his Ports, as by our last Prize taken and brought in to *Oxford* is made manifest; So as that such a will
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must be laid down, in questioning his *Highness*'s right to arm at sea.

The particulars of what some of his men under his Highness's Commission have done in this kind, I will here set downe, and how they have beene treated, though with a more impartiall penne then I presume the Honourable Houses will receive from the Report of the Comdres of the Admiralty, which already hath so much lighted his Highness, and putted forward a censure upon those his Affaires.

His Highness sending for *Island* a Ship called the *Sea Eagle*, of 300 Tunnage, to transport those men *not gladiators*, which he had taken there, it was taken by a Parliament man of Warre to the River of *Essex*, and though by Order from his Highness, I made my complaints, yet could I not obtaine of the Committee of the Admiralty any redresse, so that his Highness lost that Ship, and by that occasion his men also, which being transported afterwards in 2 weaker Vessell, were taken at Sea by the Hollanders, presuming they were to serve the King of *Spain*, for the States of *Holland* are not in *Hollands* with my Master.

Captaine *Antony a Flemming*, being sent by his *Majesty* the Duke of *Lorraine* into *Ireland*, to conduct some Soldiers of *Colonell Maitre* Regiment, which he had levied in *Ireland* for the Dukes Service, (this *Majesty* joining the Spaniards and the French levie forces in *Ireland*, thought it as lawfull for him so to doe as for them.) Captaine *Antony*, upon his *Majestys* order bought a Vessel in *Warrwick*, in which he embarked some 30000 *Souldiers* for *Blanchet*, but at Sea was taken by a Parliament Ship

and brought Prisoners into *Periswath*, who being had to his *Highnesse* Commission which he shew'd. There were his manlike Prisoners for many weeks on Ship-board, not being permitted to Land; the Captain in the second time got leave to come up to me to make his complaints, in which I considered as much as possible I could, but was still put off in the meanest time his *Highnesse* was still on Ship-board, indeed a tedious and miserable being forced some times for eight dayes together to drink nothing but Sea water. In fine, I pressing that they might be used like Christians, came in office to the Committee of the Admiralty and shew'd them, which was much to their grief. At the last the Captain was forced to go into *Flanders*, there to buy another Ship to fetch his men away, his *Highnesse* Moll being here sealed upon him.

There were all young Gentlemen of *Holland* none of them above 20 years of age, who had never borne Arms in that Kingdom, which I often intimated, but nothing would be heard. The poor Youth being most of them Nobly borne, and scholarly bred, being arrived in *Flanders*, immediately dyed upon these cruelties used against them.

His *Highnesse* having intention to fight his Enemy the *Spaniards*, so all the Elements betwixt, resolved to set up for his sake by Sea; and having the freedom of all the King of *Spains* ports, was willing to entertain in that service men of our Nations, wits Dutch, French and *Italian*; whereupon Captain *George* *Graves* under Commission from his *Highnesse*, sailing to Sea, took upon him Coast of *France*, a *Blau* burg richly laden with French goods,

as wee made to appeare in the Admiralty Court, both by the Cocker, and Bills of Lading, as by the confession of the *Hamburger* and his fellow Mariners under their hands; nevertheless the Prize being taken from his *Hignesse* Captaine, by a Ship of the Parliament, commanded by Captaine *Pilper*, with much violence used to our Captaine and his Company) was brought into *Pestmouth*, and here in the Admiralty Court, adjudged no Prize by Doctor *Saunders*, then judge of the Admiralty; and with such passion was the businessse carried, and in such contempt of his *Hignesse* Commission, that Captaine *Grace* was arrested in the very Court whilst the cause was hearing, and all the Cockets, Bills of Lading, and the testimonies of the *Hamburgers* taken from him. Thus was his *Hignesse* defeated of his Prize, and of his owne Ship.

Another Vessel was bought by his *Hignesse*, in which Captaine *Grace* was againe set out, and pursuing a *French-man* in open Sea, the *French-man* fled to a Parliament Ship which protected him, whereupon Captaine *Grace* was forced to retire, and sayled towards *Peele* (where lying at Anchor to take in ballast,) by Order from the Governour of *Peele*, he was seized upon by a Ship of the Parliament, commanded by Captaine *Garridge* who brought him into *Peele*, where the Governour kept the Ship for divers months, and imprisoned the Captaine and his men without any ground at all, but upon evill against his Commission, and upon sinister informations caused the Captaine to be sent unto *Lambeth* Prisoner, by Order from the Committee of the Admiralty. By

his meenes that service was wholly lost, to his *Highnesse* great damage and dishonor, though afterwards with much and much sollicitation the Ship was restored, but with excessive charge to his *Highnesse*, both in the clearing of her; and making her fit againe for Service.

His *Highnesse* still not doubting but to receive full satisfaction for these injuries offered him, sent out another Vessell, under Command of Captaine *Faulkner*, who upon the *French Coast* took a *French-man* and brought him into *Barnmouth*, where the Governor sealed upon him and his Prize, but at last was content to let Captaine *Faulkner* depart with his owne Vessell, but detained for his owne use and benefit, the *French Vessell* (which was an excellent Swimmer,) and kept all the goods in her; and although by Order from his *Highnesse*, I made my addresses to the Committee of the Admiralty for satisfaction, yet none could I ever obtaine. Neither wanted (upon all these severall exigents) his *Highnesse* Letters to both the Honourable Houses, demanding restitution in a faire way, but so farre was that off, as to this houre his *Highnesse* never received any. Nevertheless his *Highnesse* not intending in these his intensions for Sea, to exclude our Nation, sent out Captaine *Faulkner* againe; who taking a *French-man*, not within command of any Fort or Castle of this Kingdome, as is pretended (which appeared by a shot made from *Stons-Barr* which reached not Captaine *Faulkner* by a mile and upward) brought confidently his Prize into the *Isle of Wight*, where he was presently sealed upon by Colonel

Hammond, the Captaine and all his men cast into Prison, his Prize taken from him, and sold before his face (which shewed no intention of restoring it to the *French*, had they had any right to it) and an inventory sent up to the Committee of the Admiralty of the goods, to a very small valuation, though the Prize was worth 600 *li*. the ship being laden with Wines, Rozen, Pitch, Prucens, and the like *French* Commodities of value; All the solicitation possible I could make in his *Highnesse* behalfe, and withall delivering his *Highnesse* Letters to both the Honourable Houses, (filled with much sweetnesse and affection towards this Nation) to obtaine satisfaction, none ever yet was thought upon, nor that there was any such Prince as the Duke of *Lorraine*, whose Letters were worthy of answer. In witnesse still of this *Highnesse* oppression, foure of his seamen are yet in extreame misery, detayned in the Common-Goale of *Winchester*, where they are ready to perish; and both the *French* Ship, and the Dukes also, are imbarged, and sealed upon before the Isle of *Wight*.

At the same time Captaine *Anderson* having received his *Highnesse* Commission, went downe to *Portsmouth*, where having gotten to him some few Sea-men, and bought a small Vessell to transport themselves to *Osney*, there to be put upon a greater Ship; no sooner was it knowne, that they were to serve under the Duke my Masters Commission (having yet never attempted any thing) were sealed upon and detayned in Prison for many weeks, to the overthrow of that his *Highnesse* service, and the undo-

ing of the poore men, after my many sollicitations, and many repulses, they were at last freed from their most unjust imprisonment, but with no consideration had of their losses.

These several passages of disgrace, having beene put upon the Duke, my Master, with so stiff assistance in both the Honourable Houses to his *Highnesse* so many courteous Letters, have caused (I presume) this last Letter of his to both the Houses, to make some expression of his resentment, in demanding of the Parliament of *England*, whether they desire to have him their friend or their Enemy.

And although I, my Lord, am servant to this great Prince, who at this houre commands an Army of his owne of 12000. as gallant men as the Sunne shines upon, most of them old Souldiers, of understanding, as well able to command, as of wills ready to obey, having borne for many yeares the waight and scorching of the day, who with often graplings have made soft unto their hands the hardnesse of warre, glorying more in their honourable Scarres then in their Scarlets, and are at their height of joy, when they heare the Trumpets call to a Battell, yet am I still an English man, and so zealous a Patriot, as most willingly would I Sacrifice my life in the continuation of that ancient League and Amity, which hath ever beene betwene this Kingdome and the House of *Lorraine*, that Mother of Princes, that Nurcery of Kings, whose Royall steame hath extended its flourishing Branches over most of the Thrones of *Europe*, whose now Regnant Heyre, the Duke my Master, looking upon the rich Ornaments

of his Sovereignty, values the greatest Juell in it, his so neere allyance to our Sovereign Lord, *Charles*, King of *England, France, Scotland, and Ireland*, whose present condition he beholds with eyes full of affections, and cleered from all Mists of mistake.

I conclude my Lord, with my owne disinterest, it is not (I am confident) the pleasure of my Master to call me off from this Station, by way of compliance with the Honourable Houses, till that abusive attribute of *pretended*, be taken off from *me his reall Minister*: for what judgement can thinke such an imputation should be laid upon me, from any doubt in matter of fact, as whether his *Highnesse* ownes me for his *Resident*, or not? but rather the doubt seemes to be rayed in matter of his *Highnesse* Power, whether he can constitute any Publique Minister.

And to question this, wil but expresse more & more the weaknesse of those who doubt it, and make his *Highnesse* more & more reflect upon his own Powers.

But did the streame run cleere (as formerly) which now begins to be troubled betweene his *Highnesse* my Master, and the Honourable Houses, I should receive those endeavours most joyfully, which should effectually obtaine my recalling, for the cause of my stay here being now rightly stated, the difference appears betweene his *Highnesse* the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the Parliament of *England*, and not betweene the Parliament of *England*, and

April 20.
1648.

Your Lordships most humble Servant,

ANTHONY FORTESCUE, Resident
for his Highnesse of *Lorraine*.